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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT DECLINES OVER THE MONTH: Total employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina was estimated to be 2,870,100 in the middle of April, 1985, a net over-the-month drop of 4,100 people (-0.1 percent). Statewide seasonally adjusted total employment this April was estimated to be 2,865,000 which represented a loss of 29,000 persons (-1.0 percent) over the month.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT INCREASES IN APRIL: Statewide manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 815,700 in mid-April of this year, a modest net monthly gain of 3,900 people (+0.5 percent). The durable goods sector only accounted for 400 of that increase with no really significant activity occurring. The two leading durable goods industries were electrical machinery (+400) and lumber and wood (+300). The nondurable goods sector experienced a substantial rise of 3,500 workers (+0.7 percent) over the month, primarily due to growth in two industry groups: textile mill products (+2,000) and apparel and related products (+1,400).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT ENJOYS GOOD GROWTH: Nonmanufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 1,801,900 in the middle of April of this year, a strong net over-the-month increase of 14,600 workers (+0.8 percent). The four industry groups registering the largest net monthly gains were service and miscellaneous (+6,400), construction (+2,800), trade (+2,600), and finance, insurance, and real estate (+1,100).

MANUFACTURING FALLS BUT NONMANUFACTURING RISES SINCE LAST YEAR: North Carolina's manufacturing employment declined by 17,800 people (-2.1 percent) over the year with a large contributing factor being the cutback of 17,300 textile workers. Apparel and related products suffered a significant loss of 4,200 employees. Those decreases were partially offset by measurable growth in electrical machinery (+2,200), nonelectrical machinery (+1,100), printing, publishing, and allied (+1,100), and rubber and miscellaneous plastic products (+1,100). Statewide nonmanufacturing employment climbed by 93,000 persons (+5.4 percent) since last April. Six of the seven industry groups accounted for this gain. Trade (+27,300), service and miscellaneous (+24,000), construction (+16,600), and government (+16,200) registered the largest increases.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT FALLS OVER THE MONTH: In the middle of April, 1985, total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 157,400, a decline of 12,000 people (-7.1 percent) from March, 1985. Consequently, the unadjusted rate of unemployment dropped from 5.6 percent in March to 5.2 percent in April. North Carolina's seasonally adjusted total unemployment was estimated to be 177,000 as of mid-April of this year. A net over-the-month increase of 13,000 persons (+7.9 percent) resulted, and the seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment grew from 5.4 percent to 5.8 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.1 percent in April, 1985, and 7.5 percent in March, 1985. The seasonally adjusted rate of unemployment for the Nation was 7.3 percent this April and March.

North Carolina Civilian Labor Force 1/
April, 1985

	April, 1985	March, 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,027,500	3,043,600
Employment	2,870,100	2,874,200
Unemployment	157,400	169,400
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.6
(Seasonally Adjusted)		
Civilian Labor Force	3,042,000	3,058,000
Employment	2,865,000	2,894,000
Unemployment	177,000	164,000
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.4
National Rate (Unadjusted)	7.1	7.5
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.3	7.3

1/ Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to a significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DECREASE: The average hourly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers fell by 2¢ an hour (-0.3 percent) to $7.21 from mid-March to mid-April of this year. Over the year, however, a modest increase of 24¢ an hour (+3.4 percent) was seen. The durable goods sector also suffered a net monthly decline of 2¢ an hour (-0.3 percent) to fall to $7.37 in April, 1985. Since April of last year, durable goods has grown by 21¢ an hour (+2.9 percent). The durable goods industry group which experienced the largest net monthly gain was electrical machinery, rising by 6¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) to reach $8.46 in April, 1985. Workers in the transportation equipment industry saw a minimal increase of 1¢ an hour (+0.1 percent) to reach $8.22 this April. The nondurable goods sector sustained a net over-the-month decrease as well, down by 3¢ an hour (-0.4 percent) to $7.10. Since April of 1984, however, nondurable goods has added 25¢ an hour (+3.6 percent). Tobacco again led the way in nondurables with a net over-the-month surge of 25¢ and hour (+1.9 percent) to rise to $13.37. Paper and allied products followed with a net monthly jump of 19¢ an hour (+1.7 percent) to arrive at $11.17 in April, 1985. The average weekly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees declined by $4.39 (-1.6 percent) to $276.86 over the month. The average was also down over the year (-$4.03). Average weekly hours stood at 38.4 in April of this year, down by 0.5 of an hour over the month and by 1.9 hours since last April.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX CONTINUES TO CLIMB: According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Consumer Price Index (cost of living) for all urban consumers rose to 320.1 in April, 1985, a monthly increase of 0.4 percent and a yearly gain of 3.7 percent. The cost of transportation rose the most, up by 1.0 percent over the month. Medical

care and entertainment tied for a distant second with monthly increases of 0.4 percent each. The cost of food and beverages, remained the same over the month. Basically, what the index means is that goods and services which cost $100.00 in 1967, the base year, cost $320.10 in April of this year.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS DECLINES IN APRIL: There were 166,806 active job applicants registered for work with the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina as of April 30, 1985, a noticeable net monthly decrease of 4,557 persons (-2.7 percent). The twenty-two to thirty-nine sector was by far the largest applicant group by age with 103,486 or 62.0 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four segment had 28,980 or 17.4 percent and the fewest active applicants were seen in the fifty-five and over sector which had 9,446 or 5.7 percent of the total. More than half of the active applicants (87,646 or 52.5 percent) were females, and most of the active applicants were white, not Hispanic (93,673 or 56.1 percent). The next table gives more data from the Statewide active applicant file as of April 30, 1985.

Statewide Active Applicant File
April 30, 1985

	Number	Percent
Total	166,806	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	24,894	14.9
22-39	103,486	62.0
40-54	28,980	17.4
55 and Over	9,446	5.7
Sex		
Male	79,160	47.5
Female	87,646	52.5
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	93,673	56.1
Black, not Hispanic	69,067	41.4
Hispanic	798	0.5
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,447	1.5
Other Races and Undetermined	821	0.5
Eligible Claimant	69,293	41.5
Veteran	29,804	17.9
Handicapped	10,738	6.4
Welfare	25,150	15.1
Seasonal Farmworker	1,293	0.8

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS INCREASES IN APRIL: There were 19,483 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State during April of this year, with a significant net over-the-month gain of 3,536 (+22.2 percent). Most of those job openings were filled (13,683 or 70.2 percent). Structural work was the occupational category with the largest number of job openings received in April with 4,483. The majority of those was filled (2,398 or 53.5 percent). Service followed with 3,546 job openings and 2,310 or 65.1 percent filled. The miscellaneous group came next with 2,620 job openings received in April, 1985, and 2,061 or 78.7 percent filled. Processing recorded the fewest job openings with just 524; however, a high percentage was filled (85.3 percent or 447). From July 1, 1984, through April 30, 1985, there were 211,630 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. In addition, 164,450 or 77.7 percent were filled. As of April 30, 1985, there were 14,412 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file. Almost half of those job openings (46.6 percent or 6,717) had been open for thirty days or more and were, therefore, classified as hard-to-fill. The following table provides additional information on Statewide job openings for April, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1, 1984, through April 30, 1985).

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

	April, 1985		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Apr. 30, 1985	
Occupation	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	-	376	8,873	3,840	1,389	812
Clerical	2,431	1,496	23,231	14,926	1,836	801
Sales	753	383	7,576	4,131	915	505
Service	3,546	2,310	32,639	23,763	2,585	1,143
Domestic	284	231	2,530	2,086	89	42
Other Services	3,262	2,079	30,109	21,677	2,496	1,101
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	1,862	1,867	43,749	42,668	254	131
Processing	524	447	7,900	7,142	443	319
Machine Trades	1,472	1,083	14,136	10,340	1,182	654
Bench Work	1,792	1,262	17,779	15,147	1,204	636
Structural Work	4,483	2,398	29,266	20,730	3,387	1,181
Miscellaneous	2,620	2,061	26,481	21,763	1,217	535
Motor Freight and Trans.	520	331	5,125	3,294	357	159
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,985	1,662	20,627	18,006	782	347
Other	115	68	729	463	78	29
Total	19,483	13,683	211,630	164,450	14,412	6,717

1/ July 1, 1984, through April 30, 1985.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

April, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	April 1985 (Thous.)	March 1985 (Thous.)	April 1984 (Thous.)	March 1985	April 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,617.6	2,599.1	2,542.4	+ 0.7	+ 3.0
MANUFACTURING	815.7	811.8	833.5	+ 0.5	- 2.1
DURABLE GOODS	332.4	332.0	329.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.8
Lumber & Wood Products	36.5	36.2	37.1	+ 0.8	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.3	13.2	13.4	+ 0.8	- 0.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.9	8.9	9.3	0	- 4.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.5	4.4	4.6	+ 2.3	- 2.2
Furniture & Fixtures	84.3	84.4	85.4	- 0.1	- 1.3
Household Furniture	74.1	74.2	75.8	- 0.1	- 2.2
Wood Household Furniture	36.9	37.2	38.4	- 0.8	- 3.9
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.7	31.6	31.1	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.7	18.6	18.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.7	2.6	2.4	+ 3.8	+12.5
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.4	5.3	5.2	+ 1.9	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.3	11.1	10.7	+ 1.8	+ 5.6
Fabricated Metal Products	26.9	26.8	26.1	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.5	8.4	8.4	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.1	55.4	54.0	- 0.5	+ 2.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.3	7.5	7.5	- 2.7	- 2.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	63.5	63.1	61.3	+ 0.6	+ 3.6
Household Appliances	5.7	5.5	5.5	+ 3.6	+ 3.6
Transportation Equipment	21.2	21.2	20.8	0	+ 1.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.9	15.2	15.8	- 2.0	- 5.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	483.3	479.8	503.7	+ 0.7	- 4.1
Food & Kindred Products	44.2	44.0	43.2	+ 0.5	+ 2.3
Meat Products	18.5	18.3	17.4	+ 1.1	+ 6.3
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.7	2.5	- 3.7	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	8.0	8.0	- 1.2	- 1.2
Beverages	6.2	6.2	6.1	0	+ 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	22.6	23.1	22.4	- 2.2	+ 0.9
Cigarettes	19.9	19.7	19.7	+ 1.0	+ 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	2.3	2.9	2.4	-20.7	- 4.2
Textile Mill Products	208.6	206.6	225.9	+ 1.0	- 7.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	55.6	55.1	61.9	+ 0.9	-10.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.2	27.9	31.8	+ 1.1	-11.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.7	26.5	29.2	+ 0.8	- 8.6
Knitting Mills	75.1	74.6	80.0	+ 0.7	- 6.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.1	22.1	23.3	0	- 5.2
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.7	23.0	0	- 5.7
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.4	13.2	15.1	+ 1.5	-11.3
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.9	6.8	7.2	+ 1.5	- 4.2
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.4	14.2	15.0	+ 1.4	- 4.0
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.8	50.0	55.4	+ 1.6	- 8.3

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

April, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	April 1985 (Thous.)	March 1985 (Thous.)	April 1984 (Thous.)	March 1985	April 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.1	87.7	93.3	+ 1.6	- 4.5
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.5	28.7	31.1	+ 2.8	- 5.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.0	38.7	42.1	+ 0.8	- 7.4
Paper & Allied Products	22.2	22.5	22.2	- 1.3	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.6	10.9	10.9	- 2.8	- 2.8
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.4	7.4	- 1.4	- 1.4
Printing & Publishing	25.1	25.0	24.0	+ 0.4	+ 4.6
Newspapers	9.3	9.3	9.0	0	+ 3.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.1	36.9	38.6	+ 0.5	- 3.9
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.9	12.7	13.8	+ 1.6	- 6.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.0	29.7	28.9	+ 1.0	+ 3.8
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.3	5.2	+ 2.3	-15.4
NONMANUFACTURING	1,801.9	1,787.3	1,708.9	+ 0.8	+ 5.4
MINING	4.6	4.6	4.6	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	143.6	140.8	127.0	+ 2.0	+13.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	130.3	129.4	125.7	+ 0.7	+ 3.7
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.1	70.3	66.5	+ 1.1	+ 6.9
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.1	54.0	54.1	+ 0.2	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	563.9	561.3	536.6	+ 0.5	+ 5.1
Wholesale Trade	131.6	131.4	127.8	+ 0.2	+ 3.0
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.3	79.1	75.8	+ 0.3	+ 4.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.3	52.3	52.0	0	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	432.3	429.9	408.8	+ 0.6	+ 5.7
General Merchandise Stores	55.3	54.9	53.5	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Food Stores	67.0	66.8	65.6	+ 0.3	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	107.9	106.8	103.6	+ 1.0	+ 4.2
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	417.9	411.5	393.9	+ 1.6	+ 6.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	23.5	22.8	22.2	+ 3.1	+ 5.9
Personal Services	26.8	26.4	25.6	+ 1.5	+ 4.7
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.8	10.7	10.6	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	433.7	432.9	417.5	+ 0.2	+ 3.9
Federal	50.6	50.2	50.0	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
State	130.0	129.4	120.3	+ 0.5	+ 8.1
Education	68.2	68.0	64.3	+ 0.3	+ 6.1
Other	61.8	61.4	56.0	+ 0.7	+10.4
Local	253.1	253.3	247.2	- 0.1	+ 2.4
Education	139.7	139.8	135.5	- 0.1	+ 3.1
Other	113.4	113.5	111.7	- 0.1	+ 1.5

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

April, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	April 1985 (Thous.)	March 1985 (Thous.)	April 1984 (Thous.)	March 1985	April 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2618.6	2612.4	2543.2	+ 0.2	+ 3.0
MANUFACTURING	819.6	815.8	837.4	+ 0.5	- 2.1
DURABLE GOODS	333.4	333.3	330.8	+ 0.03	+ 0.8
Lumber & Wood Products	36.8	36.8	37.4	0	- 1.6
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.3	13.3	13.4	0	- 0.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	9.0	9.0	9.4	0	- 4.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.5	4.6	4.6	- 2.2	- 2.2
Furniture & Fixtures	84.0	84.5	85.1	- 0.6	- 1.3
Household Furniture	73.7	74.4	75.4	- 0.9	- 2.3
Wood Household Furniture	36.5	37.3	38.0	- 2.1	- 3.9
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.8	31.6	31.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.9
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.9	19.0	18.8	- 0.5	+ 0.5
Structural Clay Products	2.8	2.7	2.5	+ 3.7	+ 12.0
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.4	5.4	5.2	0	+ 3.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.3	11.1	10.7	+ 1.8	+ 5.6
Fabricated Metal Products	27.4	27.1	26.6	+ 1.1	+ 3.0
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.7	8.6	8.6	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.3	55.5	54.2	- 0.4	+ 2.0
Special Industry Machinery	7.3	7.5	7.5	- 2.7	- 2.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	63.9	62.9	61.7	+ 1.6	+ 3.6
Household Appliances	6.2	5.9	6.0	+ 5.1	+ 3.3
Transportation Equipment	21.0	21.2	20.6	- 4.7	+ 1.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.8	15.2	15.7	- 2.6	- 5.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	486.2	482.5	506.6	+ 0.8	- 4.0
Food & Kindred Products	44.8	44.8	43.8	0	+ 2.3
Meat Products	18.7	18.3	17.6	+ 2.2	+ 6.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.7	2.5	- 3.7	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	8.0	8.0	- 1.2	- 1.2
Beverages	6.3	6.3	6.2	0	+ 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.6	24.6	24.4	0	+ 0.8
Cigarettes	20.1	19.7	19.9	+ 2.0	+ 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.9	4.3	4.1	- 9.3	- 4.9
Textile Mill Products	208.4	206.8	225.7	+ 0.8	- 7.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	55.5	55.5	61.8	+ 0.9	- 10.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.2	27.7	31.8	+ 1.8	- 11.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	26.7	26.4	29.2	+ 1.1	- 8.6
Knitting Mills	75.2	74.9	80.1	+ 0.4	- 6.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.2	22.3	23.4	- 0.4	- 5.1
Hosiery, NEC	21.7	21.8	23.0	- 0.5	- 5.7
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.2	13.1	14.9	+ 0.8	- 11.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.9	6.9	7.1	0	- 2.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.5	14.1	15.1	+ 2.8	- 4.0
Yarn & Thread Mills	50.8	50.0	55.4	+ 1.6	- 8.3

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL
INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/
April, 1985
Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	April 1985 (Thous.)	March 1985 (Thous.)	April 1984 (Thous.)	March 1985	April 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.8	88.3	94.1	+ 1.7	- 4.6
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.9	29.2	31.5	+ 2.4	- 5.1
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	39.1	38.9	42.2	+ 0.5	- 7.3
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.4	22.3	- 0.4	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.7	10.9	11.0	- 1.8	- 2.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.4	7.4	- 1.4	- 1.4
Printing & Publishing	24.9	24.6	23.8	+ 1.2	+ 4.6
Newspapers	9.3	9.3	9.0	0	+ 3.3
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.8	36.6	38.3	+ 0.5	- 3.9
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.8	12.6	13.7	+ 1.6	- 6.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.2	30.1	29.0	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.3	5.2	+ 2.3	- 15.4
NONMANUFACTURING	1799.0	1796.6	1705.8	+ 0.1	+ 5.5
MINING	4.6	4.7	4.6	- 2.1	0
CONSTRUCTION	146.1	146.2	129.2	- 0.1	+ 13.1
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	130.8	129.8	126.2	+ 0.8	+ 3.6
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	71.5	70.4	66.8	+ 1.6	+ 7.0
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.3	54.2	54.3	+ 0.2	0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	571.1	573.6	543.5	- 0.4	+ 5.1
Wholesale Trade	133.5	133.1	129.7	+ 0.3	+ 2.9
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.4	79.1	75.9	+ 0.4	+ 4.6
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	54.1	54.0	53.8	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
Retail Trade	437.6	440.5	413.8	- 0.7	+ 5.8
General Merchandise Stores	57.3	57.3	55.4	0	+ 3.4
Food Stores	68.0	67.7	66.6	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	108.6	107.6	104.2	+ 0.9	+ 4.2
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	417.5	415.2	393.5	+ 0.6	+ 6.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	24.0	25.2	22.7	- 4.8	+ 5.7
Personal Services	25.9	25.5	24.7	+ 1.6	+ 4.9
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.9	10.9	10.7	0	+ 1.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	420.3	419.5	404.6	+ 0.2	+ 3.9
Federal	50.6	50.4	50.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
State	125.5	124.5	116.1	+ 0.8	+ 8.1
Education	63.7	63.0	60.1	+ 1.1	+ 6.0
Other	61.8	61.5	56.0	+ 0.5	+ 10.4
Local	244.2	244.6	238.5	- 0.2	+ 2.4
Education	130.0	130.3	126.0	- 0.2	+ 3.2
Other	114.2	114.3	112.5	- 0.1	+ 1.5

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

April, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	APRIL 1985	MARCH 1985	APRIL 1984	MARCH 1985	APRIL 1984
MANUFACTURING	648.6	645.1	668.8	+ 0.5	- 3.0
DURABLE GOODS	252.5	252.4	252.7	*	- 0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	31.5	31.2	32.2	+ 1.0	- 2.2
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.9	7.8	8.1	+ 1.3	- 2.5
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.6	3.5	3.7	+ 2.9	- 2.7
Furniture & Fixtures	75.2	75.3	76.4	- 0.1	- 1.6
Household Furniture	66.7	66.7	68.3	0	- 2.3
Wood Household Furniture	34.0	34.2	35.4	- 0.6	- 4.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.5	15.4	15.3	+ 0.6	+ 1.3
Structural Clay Products	2.1	2.1	1.9	0	+10.5
Primary Metal Industries	8.5	8.4	8.0	+ 1.2	+ 6.2
Fabricated Metal Products	20.1	20.0	19.4	+ 0.5	+ 3.6
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.8	27.0	27.9	- 0.7	- 3.9
Special Industry Machinery	5.0	5.1	5.1	- 2.0	- 2.0
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.5	46.3	44.7	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
Household Appliances	5.0	4.9	4.8	+ 2.0	+ 4.2
Transportation Equipment	17.2	17.2	16.9	0	+ 1.8
NONDURABLE GOODS	396.1	392.7	416.1	+ 0.9	- 4.8
Food & Kindred Products	30.5	30.2	29.5	+ 1.0	+ 3.4
Meat Products	16.3	16.1	15.4	+ 1.2	+ 5.8
Meat Packing	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	+ 5.6
Dairy Products	1.4	1.3	1.3	+ 7.7	+ 7.7
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.4	4.5	4.6	- 2.2	- 4.3
Beverages	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 4.3
Tobacco Manufacturers	17.5	18.0	17.4	- 2.8	+ 0.6
Cigarettes	15.7	15.6	15.6	+ 0.6	+ 0.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	1.4	2.0	1.4	-30.0	0
Textile Mill Products	184.9	182.9	201.5	+ 1.1	- 8.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	49.2	48.7	55.2	+ 1.0	-10.9
Weaving Mills, Cotton	25.0	24.7	28.4	+ 1.2	-12.0
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	23.7	23.5	26.2	+ 0.9	- 9.5
Knitting Mills	66.3	65.9	71.4	+ 0.6	- 7.1
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	19.9	19.9	21.4	0	- 7.0
Hosiery, NEC	19.9	19.9	21.1	0	- 5.7
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.3	11.1	12.9	+ 1.8	-12.4
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.0	5.9	6.3	+ 1.7	- 4.8
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.2	11.9	12.7	+ 2.5	- 3.9
Yarn & Thread Mills	46.5	45.7	50.9	+ 1.8	- 8.6
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.5	77.3	82.7	+ 1.6	- 5.1
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	26.6	25.9	28.2	+ 2.7	- 5.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	33.8	33.5	36.6	+ 0.9	- 7.7
Paper & Allied Products	16.7	16.8	16.8	- 0.6	- 0.6
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.8	8.0	8.1	- 2.5	- 3.7
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.5	5.5	5.6	0	- 1.8
Printing & Publishing	15.7	15.7	14.9	0	+ 5.4
Newspapers	3.6	3.6	3.4	0	+ 5.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	24.2	24.0	25.2	+ 0.8	- 4.0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	8.9	8.8	9.6	+ 1.1	- 7.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.5	24.2	23.6	+ 1.2	+ 3.8
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.6	3.6	4.5	0	-20.0

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products
Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."
* Less than 0.05 percent.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/
April, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984	April 1985	March 1985	April 1984
MANUFACTURING	$276.86	$281.25	$280.89	38.4	38.9	40.3	$ 7.21	$ 7.23	$ 6.97
DURABLE GOODS	291.12	295.60	293.56	39.5	40.0	41.0	7.37	7.39	7.16
Lumber & Wood Products	244.11	248.84	240.26	39.5	40.2	41.0	6.18	6.19	5.86
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	244.40	248.06	235.57	40.0	40.4	41.4	6.11	6.14	5.69
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	255.30	280.19	269.12	37.0	39.8	40.9	6.90	7.04	6.58
Furniture & Fixtures	246.27	248.84	240.01	38.3	38.7	38.9	6.43	6.43	6.17
Household Furniture	245.12	247.04	238.01	38.3	38.6	38.7	6.40	6.40	6.15
Wood Household Furniture	240.47	242.70	233.05	39.1	39.4	39.5	6.15	6.16	5.90
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	314.42	322.28	314.67	41.1	41.8	41.9	7.65	7.71	7.51
Structural Clay Products	254.00	262.50	266.91	41.3	41.6	43.9	6.15	6.31	6.08
Primary Metal Industries	356.36	350.27	356.63	43.3	42.1	45.2	8.23	8.32	7.89
Fabricated Metal Products	312.38	320.66	319.30	40.1	40.9	41.2	7.79	7.84	7.75
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	324.41	344.84	349.68	40.1	41.9	42.8	8.09	8.23	8.17
Special Industry Machinery	308.45	314.69	304.63	39.8	40.5	41.0	7.75	7.77	7.43
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	329.09	329.28	349.86	38.9	39.2	42.0	8.46	8.40	8.33
Household Appliances	253.02	261.32	261.14	37.1	36.6	40.3	6.82	7.14	6.48
Transportation Equipment	338.66	342.36	330.84	41.2	41.7	42.8	8.22	8.21	7.73
NONDURABLE GOODS	268.38	271.65	273.22	37.8	38.1	39.9	7.10	7.13	6.85
Food & Kindred Products	253.74	243.10	241.92	39.4	37.4	37.8	6.44	6.50	6.40
Meat Products	204.50	192.50	188.30	37.8	35.0	35.0	5.41	5.50	5.38
Meat Packing	315.34	306.53	308.85	40.9	40.6	39.8	7.71	7.55	7.76
Dairy Products	301.60	286.23	269.51	46.4	43.9	43.4	6.50	6.52	6.21
Grain Mill Products	293.61	289.76	288.27	42.8	42.3	41.9	6.86	6.85	6.88
Bakery Products	294.77	283.39	292.14	41.4	40.6	42.4	7.12	6.98	6.89
Beverages	499.78	464.77	480.16	45.6	42.6	44.5	10.96	10.91	10.79
Tobacco Manufacturers	425.17	480.19	470.32	31.8	36.6	38.3	13.37	13.12	12.28
Cigarettes	448.22	518.62	509.44	31.3	36.6	38.8	14.32	14.17	13.13
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	190.40	206.64	177.89	35.0	36.0	33.5	5.44	5.74	5.31
Textile Mill Products	242.68	243.84	253.08	37.8	38.1	40.3	6.42	6.40	6.28
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	274.99	265.50	271.26	38.3	37.5	39.2	7.18	7.08	6.92
Weaving Mills, Cotton	294.80	273.13	253.92	40.0	38.2	36.8	7.37	7.15	6.90
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	255.80	258.30	290.37	36.7	36.9	41.9	6.97	7.00	6.93
Knitting Mills	214.07	218.45	226.98	36.1	36.9	39.0	5.93	5.92	5.82
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	200.86	206.39	203.66	35.3	36.4	37.3	5.69	5.67	5.46
Hosiery, NEC	191.98	205.90	210.36	33.1	35.5	37.1	5.80	5.80	5.67
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	250.51	246.65	258.48	38.6	38.3	40.9	6.49	6.44	6.32
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	279.07	272.35	292.60	43.0	41.9	44.4	6.49	6.50	6.59
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	283.82	280.13	296.58	41.8	41.5	44.8	6.79	6.75	6.62
Yarn & Thread Mills	230.66	236.39	252.93	38.0	38.5	41.6	6.07	6.14	6.08
Apparel & Other Textile Products	183.37	184.53	192.41	35.4	35.9	38.1	5.18	5.14	5.05
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	182.16	177.48	194.91	34.5	34.0	37.7	5.28	5.22	5.17
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	165.87	173.63	178.93	34.2	35.8	37.2	4.85	4.85	4.81
Paper & Allied Products	491.48	469.94	462.88	44.0	42.8	44.0	11.17	10.98	10.52
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	646.06	598.97	584.77	47.4	44.5	45.9	13.63	13.46	12.74
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	333.18	331.47	338.57	41.7	41.8	43.8	7.99	7.93	7.73
Printing & Publishing	331.71	315.58	303.11	40.7	39.3	40.2	8.15	8.03	7.54
Newspapers	290.15	278.46	278.88	35.0	34.0	34.6	8.29	8.19	8.06
Chemicals & Allied Products	385.33	392.92	364.90	41.3	41.8	41.0	9.33	9.40	8.90
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	439.52	453.45	417.00	42.1	42.9	41.7	10.44	10.57	10.00
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	329.96	362.10	367.22	37.2	40.1	42.7	8.87	9.03	8.60
MINING	380.48	374.14	319.79	47.5	47.6	42.3	8.01	7.86	7.56
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	467.87	455.92	448.67	41.7	41.0	41.2	11.22	11.12	10.89
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	194.18	192.46	195.80	32.8	32.4	33.3	5.92	5.94	5.88
Wholesale Trade	295.50	297.04	296.11	39.4	39.5	39.8	7.50	7.52	7.44
Retail Trade	166.78	163.55	169.38	31.0	30.4	31.6	5.38	5.38	5.36
General Merchandise Stores	154.57	150.77	147.29	29.0	28.5	29.4	5.33	5.29	5.01
Food Stores	196.04	189.80	191.04	33.8	32.5	32.0	5.80	5.84	5.97
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	137.90	133.95	125.76	31.2	30.1	29.8	4.42	4.45	4.22
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	196.88	187.80	177.06	36.8	35.5	35.2	5.35	5.29	5.03

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